GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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PRE- GRANT OPPOSITION TO PATENTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pre-grant opposition in the Indian Patent Act is operational;

(b) if so, the number of pre-grant opposition applications filed under Section 25 of Indian Patents Act from 1 January, 2005 to 31 August, 2008;

(c) the details of the list of pre-grant opposition applications alongwith the title of the invention, name and address of the patent applicant, date of filing, Patent application number, etc.; and

(d) the details of allowed and rejected pre-grant opposition applications alongwith the details of pending patent applications?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): The number of pre-grant opposition applications filed under Section 25 of Indian Patents Act from 1 January, 2005 to 31 August, 2008 is 390.

(c) & (d): A statement is attached.